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Lieutenant General Walters is going to be out of the country at the time of your planned 1 May dinner of the Michigan Retired Officers Association, and he has asked me if I could substitute for him.

I would be very happy to do so, if this meets with your approval.

I came to SHAPE with General Norstad in the summer of 1953 and was in the Office of the Air Deputy and then the Air and Special Operations Division of SHAPE until July 1957.

Since that period overlapped your service at SHAPE our paths may have crossed. It was at SHAPE that I first met General Walters and General Yudkin, although I had worked with General Norstad before.

I have kept in touch with SHAPE matters during the years primarily through the SHAPE Officers' Association Newsletter and the annual dinner session the SHAPE "alumni" have in Washington each Fall.

On the chance that I am an acceptable substitute for General Walters, I am enclosing a biographic outline and photograph.

Your previous correspondence did not provide any specifics to the when or where of the meeting, what the dress would be, and whether there was any particular approach which you thought it would be most appropriate for the speaker to take. Unless you have any other desires, I would prefer to talk about the importance of a strong U.S. intelligence capability to the effectiveness of NATO and SHAPE.

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WE REGRET DEEPLY THAT YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE WITH US ON 1 MAY BUT APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN GETTING A SPEAKER FOR THAT EVENING. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU MAY BE AVAILABLE ON THE 2ND OR 4TH SATURDAY OF SEPTEMBER WHICH IS THE INSTALLATION NIGHT FOR THE NEW OFFICERS AND OUR FIRST MEETING AFTER THE SUMMER. YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO BE OUR HOUSE GUEST.

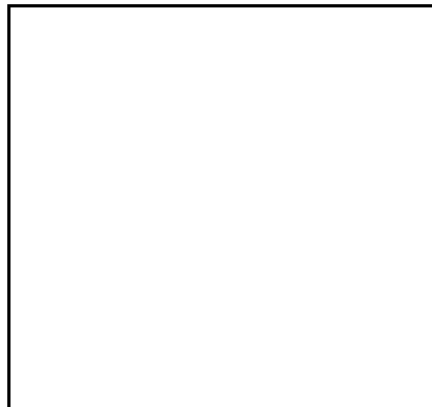
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